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THE START OF PORTERVILLE

By W. B. SCHORTMAN

The Porterville region was once populated by the Koheti tribe of Indians. In 1825, the first white men here were a group of trappers under Jedediah Smith. They found the natives friendly and taught them how to trap animals for furs and food. Several Padres from the coast missions came here to convert the Indians, and to check on horses missing from the missions on the coast.

In 1844, Colonel Fremont and his company of 62 men came through here on a government mission from Sutter Fort, Sacramento, to break a trail to the south. The Fremont Trail retained this name for many years.

In 1858, the Butterfield Overland Stage made its first run through here. This stage started from St. Joseph, Missouri, and went to Los Angeles and north to San Francisco. This was a rough, dusty trip that took 24 days at a cost of \$100.00 per person. This price was later raised to \$200.00, and in May of 1859, the price dropped to \$150.00.

Porter Putnam came here on one of the first stages and was employed at the Packwood Station east of Visalia. In 1860, he transferred here to the station on the hill north of town, now known as Scenic Heights. Porter's wages were \$30.00 a month, and to add to his earnings, he started a small trading post to sell supplies to those traveling and to the Indians.

Tule River at that time flowed north at about Third Street, around the Scenic Heights area, and west to Tule Lake. Stage stations were placed 15 miles apart for rest and change of horses. Wildlife was very plentiful with squirrels, rabbits, deer, antelope, elk and bear; quail, ducks, and many fish in the lake and rivers. Several travelers settled here and built homes.

By 1861, Porter's trading post had a good trade and was known as Porter's Place. At the outbreak of the Civil War, the route of the stage was routed via Salt Lake City.

In the spring of 1862, with a heavy cover of snow in the mountains, the rains came and caused the town to be flooded. Settlers gathered such belongings as they could and moved to high ground. This spot was where the Child Center building is now located on Walnut Avenue between "F" and "G" Streets. During the flood, the pressure was so great that the river changed its course and broke a new channel to its present location. The small settlement of Vandalia and Plano to the south were also building up, and Vandalia, which had a post office, was partly washed away. After the flood subsided, people moved back to rebuild, and the village started to grow again. There was much swamp land after the flood, and much was listed as flood land.

About 1866, Porter Putnam bought 40 acres south of Scenic Heights from Peter Donohue for \$200.00, and had it surveyed and streets laid out. He built a larger place at the Southwest corner of

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HISTORIAN



ANNIE MITCHELL
(Edwards Studio photo)

Annie Mitchell Writes History Of Tulare Co.

PORTERVILLE — A history of Tulare County, "The Way It Was," written by Annie Mitchell, of Visalia, is off the press and will be available at Edwards Studio in Porterville, Saturday, December 11, when Miss Mitchell will be the guest at a reception from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., and will autograph her new book for purchasers.

Miss Mitchell, a fourth-generation resident of

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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE DECEMBER 15 AT NEW COUNTY SERVICES CENTER

PORTERVILLE — Open house at Porterville's new county services center at Olive and Hockett has been announced for Wednesday, December 15, between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., with the public invited to visit the facility.

Housed in what was formerly the Brey Wright Lumber company buildings, that have been completely remodelled, are the county departments of agriculture, welfare, assessor and building. Several private business offices are also located in the complex.

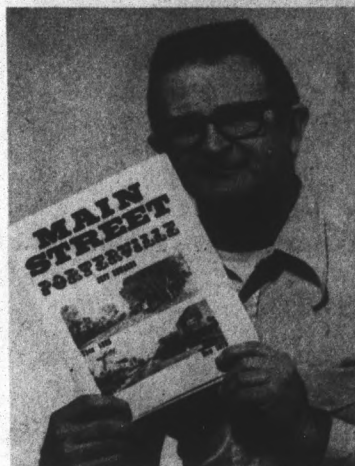
Horse Show

PORTERVILLE — Open horse show, sponsored by the Porterville High School Livestock club, will be held in the livestock barn arena on the Porterville fair grounds Saturday, starting at 8:30 p.m. Twenty-two classes have been announced for the show; entries close today, however post entries will be accepted; food concession will be open on the grounds; there is no admission charge.

Outstanders!

PORTERVILLE — Individuals or groups wanting to nominate candidates for Porterville's man, woman, young person, and organization of the year for 1976 should present an outline of accomplishments to the Porterville chamber of commerce, P.O. Box 488. The awards will be made at 70th annual Porterville chamber banquet, set for February 5 in the Monache Campus center.

MORE HISTORY



PHOTOS AND stories about development of Porterville is included in "Main Street, Porterville" by Jeff Edwards that is just off the press and is available at Edwards Studio in Porterville. Cover was designed by J. Samuel Clothier, advertising manager of The Farm Tribune.

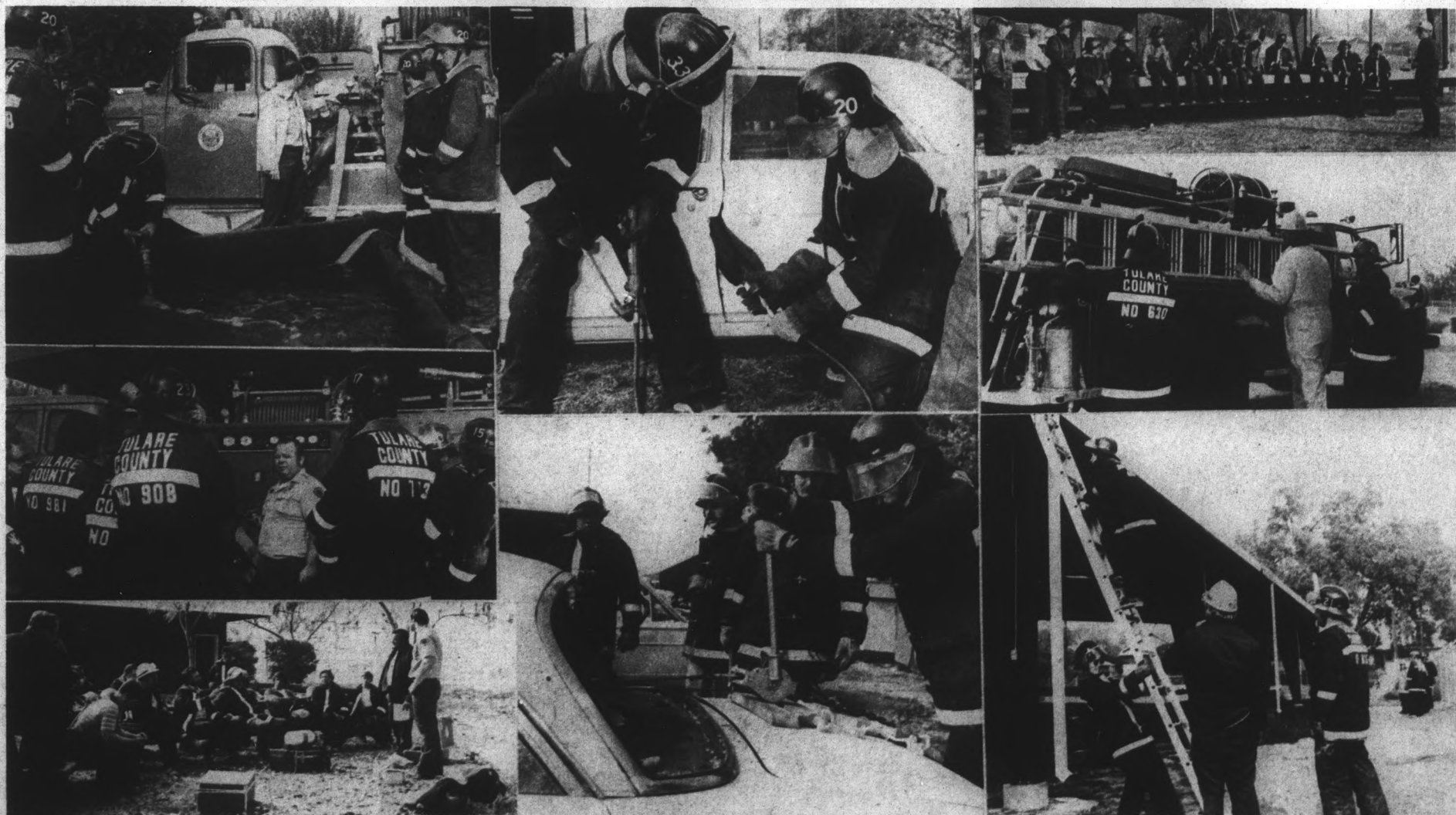
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THESE VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEER FOR HARD WORK



BEING A member of a community unit of the Tulare County Fire department involves considerably more than just volunteering - it involves personal time and work, as illustrated by activities on the Porterville Fair grounds, Sunday, when 70 volunteers from the

southern Tulare county area, some of them women, participated in an all-day school of instruction centered around familiarization and actual use of various types of equipment. Ten instructors, headed by Bill Trowbridge, battalion chief, training and safety coordinator

for the Tulare County Fire Protection service and the California Division of Forestry, were in charge. Photographs show instruction on operation of fire engines; methods and equipment used to get inside wrecked cars; and use and handling of ladders. In addition

there was discussion and demonstration of special equipment, and a slide show was presented on various types of tools. Instructional units were set up around the fair grounds and inside the commercial exhibit building, with volunteers rotated through the units during

the day. Firemen attended from as far as Johnsdale and Kennedy Meadows; these volunteers receive clothing and equipment from the County of Tulare and a "token" \$2.85 an hour when on actual duty.

(Farm Tribune photos)

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We Only Heard

By BILL RODGERS

IF WHAT we have listened to in the Porterville City hall is a legally constituted appeal hearing, then something should be done about the law under which this type of hearing is held.

THERE APPEARS to be few if any rules of evidence and by the record, anyone can say just about anything about anybody - statements that most certainly would not be allowed under court rules of evidence and statements that if printed as such, without coming out of this fiasco that is labelled as a public hearing, might well be grounds for a libel suit.

ACTUALLY WHAT is billed as an appeal hearing for ex-police chief, John Start, is little more than a Roman holiday in a kangaroo court.

BUT THE BOD Squad, and others are getting their pound of flesh. Meanwhile the Porterville community suffers.

Sheep and lambs being fattened for slaughter market in California totaled 260,000 head on November 1, six per cent above a year earlier.



OUR TOWN
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Of course you all have your Christmas cards sent to special friends with little notes and greetings and expensive stamps. I like the post cards. They only cost 9¢ each, for postage. My favorite cards are pictures of friends and their families. I am so delighted when I notice that my friends have grown older also.

A frantic long distance call, last night, from thousands of miles away. "SMITH wants to have a butterfly tattoo put on his chest, and he doesn't like any of the butterflies that the tattoo man has in his books, and will you draw a butterfly for SMITH." Why of course I'll draw a butterfly for SMITH. I can't imagine SMITH without a butterfly. Viva le PAPILLON!

Yes, I went to the hearing at the CITY HALL. I sat in the press box just like the big kids. A little girl sat on my left. She

was about fifteen and had her sack of candy in front of her, and her binder full of notes. She said she was in high school, and covering the hearing for a Springville paper.

I think, if a vote was taken of the citizens of OUR TOWN, Mr. START would be chief. I do think he lost his cool in calling the City Manager "an idiot" and "a coward" but I was just wondering what I would call someone who locked me out of my office without discussing it with me. People keep saying, "Just you wait till all the facts are out, then you'll see." I'm waiting. I'm waiting. I hear everything, and I don't know anything. My darling editor and I differ on most everything, and this is one of them.

Mr. START made a boo boo when he made the comment about "My keen police mind." More people have asked me if he really thinks his mind is so keen. How would I know. It certainly sounds as if he had his tongue in his cheek at the time. Mr. START has made some mistakes and I know the council has made some beauties. I do wish we could all kiss and make up and forget the whole thing, but of course that is not possible.

While I was at the hearing, I was so excited about the whole thing, I locked my keys in my car. My husband was "like pulling teeth" at the time and couldn't get the other set to me. I was worried until I heard Mr. START say that the green paint in front of the City Hall was

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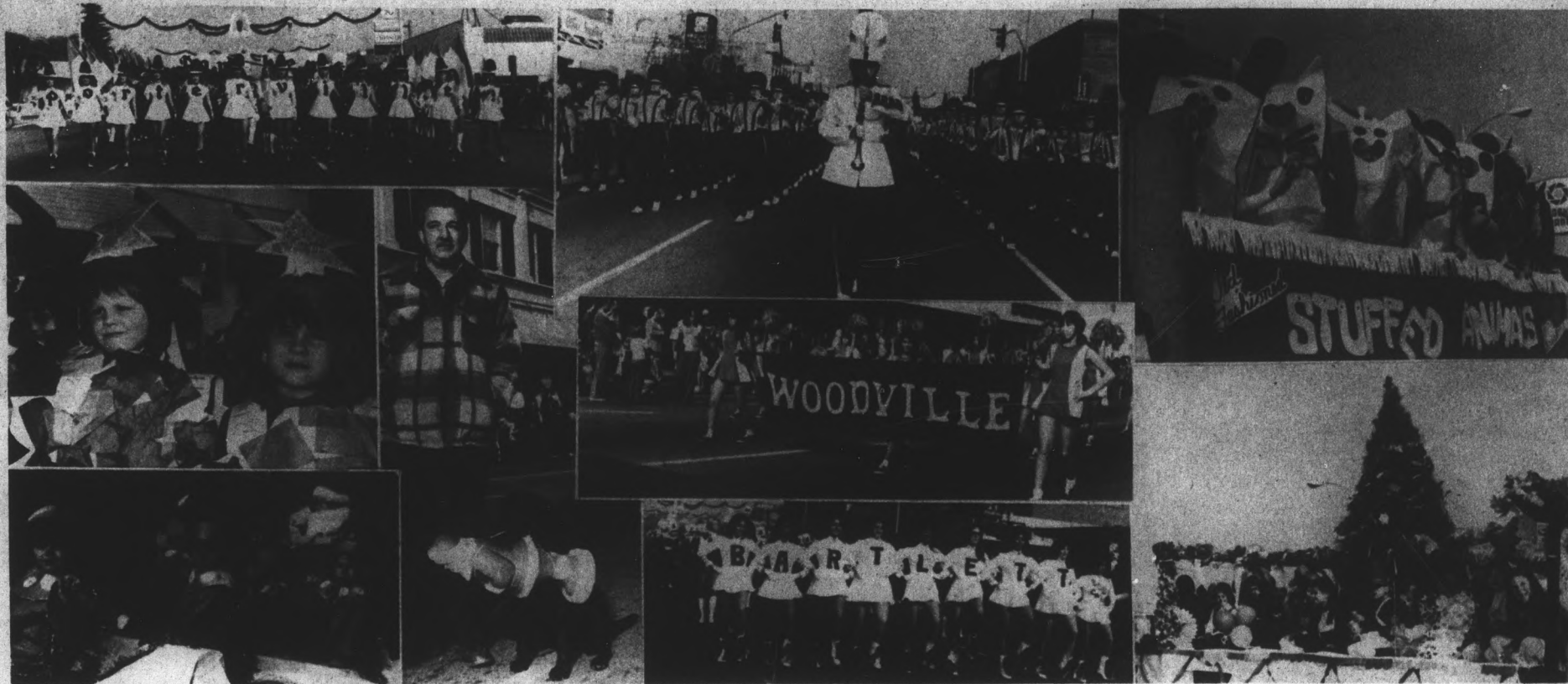
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The Start Of Porterville . . .

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what is now Main and Oak Streets. Here he also had rooms to rent. He offered those people at Vandalia, who had homes, free building lots if they would move their houses over here. In 1871, the post office was transferred here. New streets were laid out and the building boom started. The Taylor Company of San Francisco came here and built two brick buildings on the east side of Main street. The Bakers and Doc Kincade also built of brick on the east side. Then the P.P. Davis, Dr. Chapman, Pioneer Hotel and Putnam Buildings were built on the west side of Main Street. The Southern Pacific Railroad was completed to here in 1888, and the freight that was hauled to and from Port Stockton, and later from Visalia, by horse and wagon, now came by rail. Population in 1889 was 250.

Also in 1888, the Pioneer Land Company bought up some 6400 acres of swamp land. This San Francisco Company did much to put Porterville on its feet. They built the Pioneer Hotel at a cost of \$20,000.00, gave land for the Morton Street School, started the first bank here in 1889, and built the Fire Station and gave it to the town.

The Porterville Fire Department was organized in 1890 with one hose cart. The fire bell was donated by the Taylor Company. This bell struck at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 5:00 p.m., and 9:00 p.m. each day.

Some of the land owned by the Pioneer Land Company included a ditch that later furnished water for the town. The wooden water tank stood on Murry Hill about where the city swimming pool is now located. A water wheel was put in at the falls and the first electric generator furnished electricity to pump water from the ditch into the tanks. Power was also developed to run the flour mill below the falls and for street and other lights. In time, a steam plant was built when more power was needed.

The flour mill was built by J.T. Manter, and was operated by A.R. Henry. Mr. Henry planted the first Navel orange grove east of town, and its success proved that this section was suitable for oranges. Later, many acres of oranges were planted. The flour mill was sold to Andrew Leslie and Son, and was operated by them using locally grown wheat.

The logging in the mountains to the east was in full swing and wagons, with trailers, drawn by many horses or mules, and loaded with lumber, were a common sight on the Springville Road.

Cattle and sheep were a large part of farming, and they were herded to the mountains in summer and brought back before the snow fell. After the "no fence" law was in effect, many acres of grain were planted south and west of town. Dairy farms were started and acres of land were planted to corn, grapes, and alfalfa. More ditch companies were being formed to irrigate these acres, from the Tule River water.

1902 - The city of Porterville was incorporated. Wilko Mentz was elected Mayor. A.A. Abbey, John Larson, Fred Ackerman and Dr. O.C. Higgins became the first Councilmen. This group voted to license all saloons at \$1,000.00 per year, and the "s" was dropped from the name Portersville.

1903 - Saw the last of the trigger-happy bad men. Jim McKinney, a local lad who shot up the town, was taken care of in Bakersfield, and the townspeople were greatly relieved. New settlers came here to live, new business firms started up, and orchards were planted.

1904 - The Pioneer Water Company erected the high water tank at Fourth Street to take care of the increased demand for water. The city now had two banks, the Pioneer and the First National, a local bank.

1906 - A new Mayor, T.L. Price, was elected. His Council was Dr. S.A. Barber, John Hazen, George Murphy, and Tom Howell. This was the year of the great earthquake that destroyed a large part of San Francisco. Gold and Silver was the money of the day, with very little paper money in use here in the West.

1908 - Porterville had a population of 1200 souls, made up mostly of people from the north central states. Business was good. The streets were muddy in wet weather and dusty when dry. Sidewalks of wood were being replaced by cement. Everyone seemed to be friendly and busy. There were good schools and churches, and a wonderful semi-tropical climate, with good water and little wind. Porterville is bound to grow and prosper.

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TRIBUNE CAMERA LOOKS AT PORTERVILLE'S CHRISTMAS PARADE

Pancake Breakfast Saturday Morning

PORTERVILLE — Ernest Hernandez, general director of Tulare County Family YMCA, has announced a Pancake Breakfast to be held at the Porterville MacDonald's, Saturday, December 11 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Tickets are \$1.50; pre-schoolers are free. All proceeds will go to the Tule National Council of Y-Indian Guides/Maidens and the Trail Blazers, the YMCA parent/child programs.



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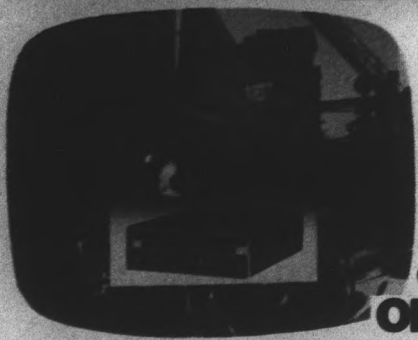


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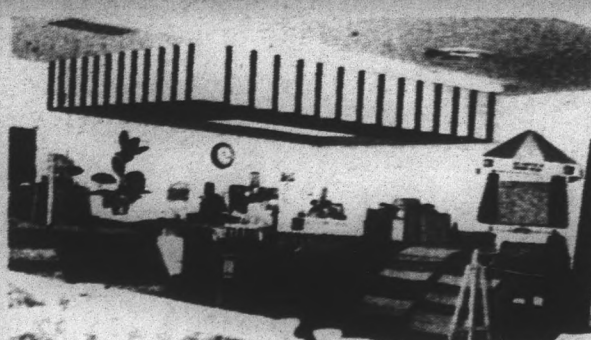


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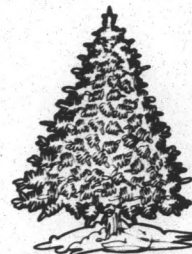
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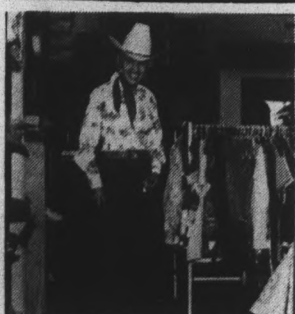
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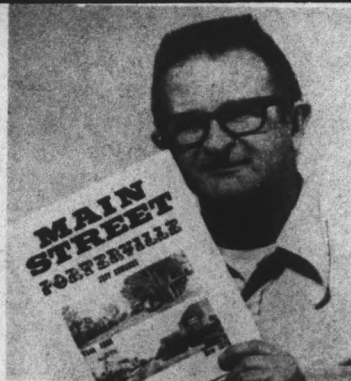
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PLEASANT VIEW 4-H MEMBERS RAISE GOATS

By John Zaninovich

PLEASANT VIEW — The Pleasant View 4-H Club recently raised eight goats for Heifer International. They were sponsored by the Poplar Methodist Church.

The club acquired the goats back in February of this year, receiving them when they were just newborn kids. The kids were kept and raised on the ranch of Ronald Santry for nine months, and at first had to be bottle-fed three or four times a day. They also had to be bottle-fed in the middle of the night at first.

Later the goats started to eat feed, which was donated by local farmers and ranchers.

The club members had a fun time with the goats as a Community Pride Project. The goats were entered in the Porterville Fair and the 4-H members with the animals had a good time.

In October Heifer International gathered all the goats and two heifers which people had been raising for them at the Porterville Fair grounds. The goats were shipped to foreign countries. The whole club enjoyed the project and will miss the goats.

Old English Miracle Plays At Three Rivers

THREE RIVERS — Fourth annual Old English Miracle Plays in Three Rivers will be presented Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Dec. 15 and 16, at the Chapel of St. Anthony's Retreat. The authentic dramas from the 15th century, and before, are produced by the Three Rivers playhouse in cooperation with the brothers of St. Anthony's Retreat.

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REPRESENTING THE Porterville All-Indian Cultural Center in a drive for food to "help Indian families of the city of Porterville have a good Christmas" are, from left: Delores Martinez, Daniel Hawkins, Zelma Santos and Connie Santos. Food, also toys, can be left at the All-Indian Cultural Center, 615½ No. Main, in the Red Barn building. (Edwards Studio photo)

NEW LIBRARY TO BE DEDICATED

VISALIA — Formal ceremonies for dedication of the new 1½ million dollar City of Visalia/Tulare County library will be held on Saturday morning, December 18, at 10 a.m. with Wayne Robertson, manager of the Tulare County

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2. GENE CARTWRIGHT
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This business is conducted by
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Signed H. L. Smith.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk of Tulare County on
November 12, 1976.

CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that the foregoing
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JAY C. BAYLESS, County Clerk
By Yolanda I. Rodriguez, Deputy
EXPIRES 12-31-81
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing
business as:
REY-MAR ENTERPRISE
at Alpine, Tulare County.

1. ROBERT T. MARKGREN
17025 Stare Street
Northridge, CA. 91325.
2. JAMES C. REYNOLDS
7509 Quartz Ave.
Canoga Park, CA.
3. MARY H. MARKGREN
17025 Stare Street
Northridge, CA. 91325.

This business is conducted by a
limited partnership.

Signed James C. Reynolds,
Mary H. Markgren,
Robert T. Markgren.
This statement was filed with the
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December 1, 1976.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing
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JAY C. BAYLESS, County Clerk
By Yolanda I. Rodriguez, Deputy
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TREE FRUIT GROWERS MEET NEXT WEEK

SACRAMENTO — Two tree
fruit grower meetings to select
representatives to the
committees which administer
three programs managed by the
California Tree Fruit agreement
have been announced by
Manager Galen Geller, the
meetings to be held in Exeter
and Reedley.

The committees for which
representatives will be chosen
are the Plum Commodity
committee, the Peach
Commodity committee and the
Nectarine Administrative
committee.

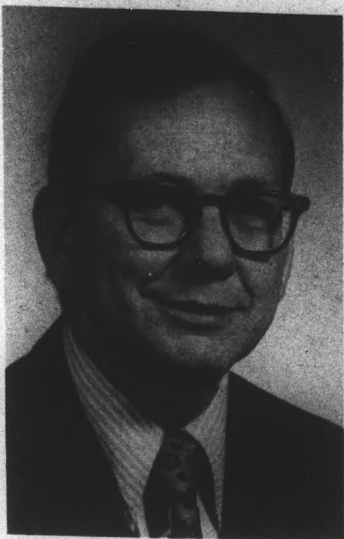
The Exeter meeting will be
held in the Exeter Memorial
building, December 15, at 2:00
p.m., and is for plum, peach and
nectarine growers from the
Tulare district, which consists of
that portion of Tulare county
which lies south of Avenue 384.

The Reedley meeting will be
held at the Eagles hall, 1230
11th street, December 16, at
9:30 a.m., and is for plum,
peach and nectarine growers
from the Fresno district, which
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WHIT WHITFIELD, supervisor
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infamous Jackass Mail riders, has
been named regional forester for
the U.S. Forest Service's
Southern region that includes 33
national forest units and 12.2
million acres; his headquarters
will be in Atlanta, Georgia. Since
leaving Porterville, Whitfield
served as chief of land
acquisition and exchange in the
Washington D.C. headquarters of
the Forest service, also as
director of legislative affairs.
Since 1972 he and his family
have been in Missoula, Montana,
where he was Northern Region
Deputy Regional Forester for
Resources.

MATH CONTEST AT COLLEGE

PORTERVILLE — More than
75 students from five area high
schools are expected to
participate in Porterville
College's first annual
mathematics contest, Saturday,
December 11. As a part of the
event, student teams from
Porterville, Monache, Delano,
Strathmore and Corcoran High
Schools will compete in a
preliminary mathematics contest
to determine the top team from
each school. The five teams will
then have a math showdown to
identify the winners, and prizes
will be awarded. The contest is
being coordinated by Dr.
Norman Shinkle, professor of
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County Taxes Due Tomorrow

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Tulare County Tax collector,
reminds county residents that
the first installment of property
taxes is due December 10.

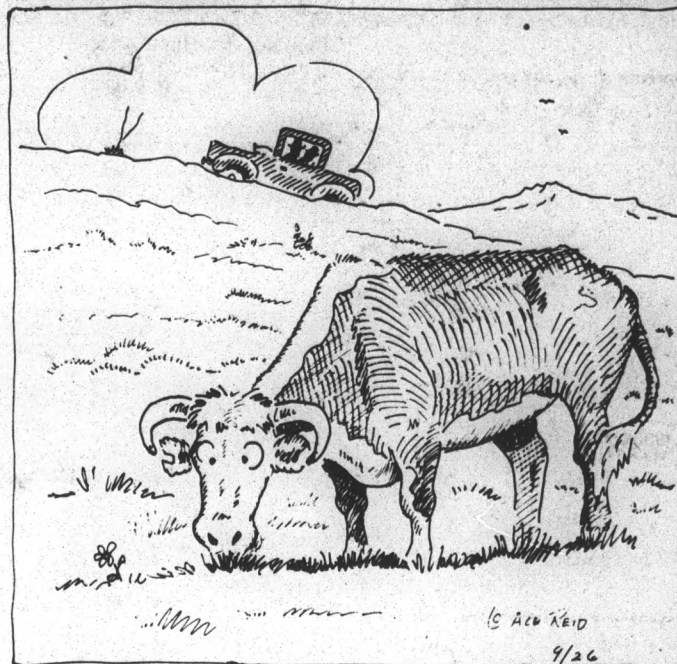
In order to avoid paying a six
per cent penalty, the first
installment must be paid by
5:00 p.m., Friday or, if paid by
mail, must be postmarked by
that date.

Proper postage on payments
by mail is a must (Revenue and
Taxation Code 2512.5), and
payments postmarked by the
Postal Service because of
insufficient postage will not
escape the penalty, Howard
said.

Persons who have purchased
property recently are advised by
Howard to check their escrow
papers to be sure that their taxes
have been paid. Howard also
warns people who have not
received a tax bill to contact his
office since numerous tax bills
have been returned to his office
by the Postal Service due to
insufficient or incorrect
addresses.

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illegal. The hearing lasted longer than I expected and when I went out to my little car, there were two tickets on the windshield. In my younger days, I have paid for most of the City Hall with all my tickets, but I thought I had outgrown it. I shouldn't feel so bad. KEN BILLINGSLEY has a little box full of tickets that were on his Pinto he donated to Mr. START'S cause. I wish I could be there Thursday, but I have to help the Superior court in Visalia. They just can't get along without me.

Happiness would be knowing all the facts.

Carrots are continuing to move from Monterey county.

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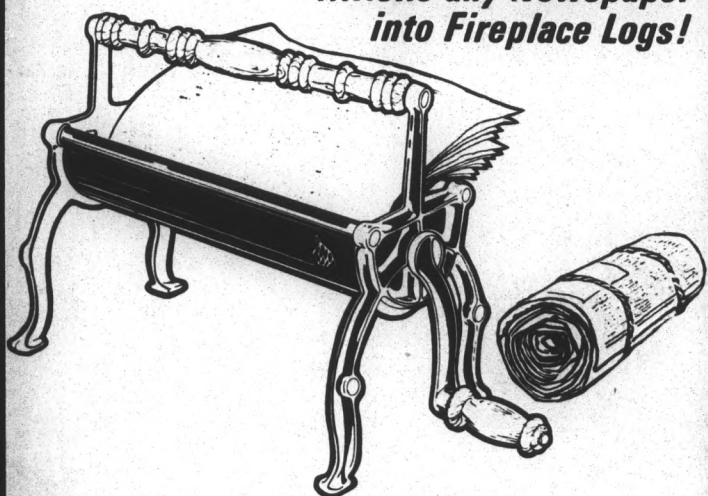
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A TUESDAY BONUS STORE



TOP TEAMS at Fresno State University's Citrus Judging contest last Saturday were these two Porterville High FFA class A teams. Together with two PHS "B" teams, the Porterville chapter walked away with all eight trophies and 30 of 70

ribbons presented at the Awards assembly. "A" team members, top photo are, from left: Toby Nieblas, Darrell Johnstone, Israel Longoria, Evan Jones, Tim Hicks, and Jeff Hall. "B" team competitors, lower photo - those who had never judged citrus

before - are, from left: Ken Goode, Katherine Homer, Jeff Michaelis, Maureen Cummings, Roger Drummond, Joyce Hall, and Kathy Finley. Porterville High FFA advisors are Rod Homer, Bob Mailand, and Gar House.

New \$90,000 Child Care Center Planned

PORTERVILLE — A new child care center for Porterville college is now in the planning stages with Kern Community College District trustees authorizing architects Eddy, Paynter, Renfro and Associates to prepare plans and specifications for a new facility at the college.

Dr. Jackson Hargis, dean of

instruction, reported at a recent board meeting that the Porterville College Child Care program "has grown dramatically since its inception a few years ago."

The child care center is now housed in one of the oldest buildings on the campus. The 1976-77 budget includes \$90,000 for the new center.

Annie Mitchell . . .

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Tulare county; a graduate of Porterville high school whose family goes back into the mining days at White River; a former teacher; and a leading Tulare county historian, draws on personal experience, interviews, and extensive research for material in "The Way It Was."

The book covers many aspects of Tulare county - exploration, agriculture, industry, and pioneers - plus 200 pictures. It is cloth bound; contains 166 pages, an index and a bibliography; and has an introduction by Joe Doctor, of Exeter, also a noted county historian.

The book will be released December 10 by Valley Publishers, of Fresno; a special pre-publication price of \$12.95 will be in effect until December 31; after that date "The Way It Was" will be available at its regular price of \$14.50.

FARM FRONT

VISALIA — Navel oranges are now being harvested in volume for Christmas markets, with color and tests improving, according to report from the office of County Agricultural Commissioner Clyde R. Churchill.

In his report for the week ending December 4, Churchill also said:

Some milo continues to be harvested. Barley and wheat are being planted as soil and weather conditions allow. Some dryland grain is being planted, other farmers are waiting for another rain before planting.

Cotton growers are generally on second picking. Completed fields are being shredded and tilled.

Movement of table grapes from storage has been active with a good portion of shipments going to foreign markets. Deciduous fruit trees are being pruned. Kiwi fruit is being packed and shipped.

Egg makrets are generally up; good for the upcoming holidays. More rain is needed on rangelands, particularly in the lower foothill elevations.

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